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ACTION AF-08

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
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FOR THOMPSON FROM LA SOR

EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: AFSP PINS DM
SUBJ: TRAVEL TO COTONOU, W KENNETH THOMPSON

REF: COTONOU 0175

1. VICE CONSUL AND ADMINOFF TALKED WITH MFA PROTOCOL DIRECTOR PAQUI WEDNESDAY MORNING AND AGAIN REQUESTED LAISSEZ PASSER FOR THOMPSON ENTRY. PAQUI EXPLAINED THAT HIS OFFICE DID NOT HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY AND THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SEEK SUCH PERMISSION FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. MFA WILL SEND NOTE TO BOTH MININT AND PRESIDENCY REQUESTING LAISSEZ PASSER BE GRANTED. PAQUI TOLD EMBOFFS THAT ISSUANCE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED PRIOR TO FRIDAY JANUARY 28, AND MAYBE LATER. HE SUGGESTED THOMPSON RETURN BY AIR.

2. ACTING CHARGE AND VICE CONSUL THEN WENT TO MININT. THEY WERE TOLD THAT EITHER DIRECTOR GENERAL OR DEPUTY CAN ISSUE LAISSEZ PASSER. BOTH WERE OUT. EMBASSY WILL TRY AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON.

3. FYI: COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FROM LAGOS HAVE LANDING RIGHTS
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FROM 0700 TO 1730. EMBASSY KNOWS OF MANY PASSENGERS FROM LAGOS WHO HAVE DISEMBARKED COTONOU WITHOUT PROBLEM IN LAST THREE DAYS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS REPORT THAT COMMERCIAL PILOTS NOW REFUSING TO LAND BECAUSE OF ARMED SEARCHES BEING CONDUCTED OF AIRCRAFT. WILL VERIFY AND ADVISE.

4. NEW DIPLOMATIC CARD FOR THOMPSON ISSUED AND NOW AT

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